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Art Unit 1642

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Re:

U.S. Utility Patent Application

Application No. 10/040,945; Filed: January 9, 2002

For: Modular Assembly of Antibody Genes, Antibodies Prepared Thereby and

Inventors:

ROBINSON et al.

Our Ref:

0610.005000I/MAC

Sir:

In reply to the final Office Action dated June 30, 2005, transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Amendment and Reply after Final Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116; and
- 2. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In reply to the final office action mailed June 30, 2005, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this reply.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this reply.